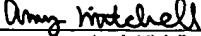




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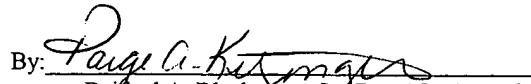
The above-noted application was filed on April 8, 2004 via Express Mail. As a result of the drawing sheets not being in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121, a Notice to File Corrected Application Papers-- Filing Date Granted issued.

In response to the aforementioned Notice, please find enclosed herewith substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121. A copy of the aforementioned Notice is also enclosed. Please note, the attached formal drawings were also filed on August 9, 2004, however, a copy of the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers was not attached thereto.

It is believed that the enclosed material responds fully to the aforementioned Notice and if any additional information is needed, please contact the undersigned at (312) 704-1890.

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The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Replacement drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121 are required. The drawings submitted are not acceptable because:
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